

# SENATE BILL 639

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## ENROLLED BILL

— *Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs/Environmental Matters* —

Introduced by **Senators Benson, Astle, Colburn, Madaleno, Montgomery, Raskin, Shank, and Stone**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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President.

## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

### 2 **Task Force on the Establishment of a Statewide Spay/Neuter Fund**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force on the Establishment of a Statewide  
4 Spay/Neuter Fund; specifying the membership, chair, and staff of the Task  
5 Force; specifying that a member of the Task Force may not receive  
6 compensation, but may receive reimbursement for certain expenses; requiring  
7 the Task Force to review certain spay/neuter programs, ~~develop a certain~~  
8 ~~spay/neuter program~~ collect and review certain data concerning spay/neuter  
9 services in the State, and make certain recommendations; requiring the Task  
10 Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and certain  
11 committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for  
12 the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force on the  
13 Establishment of a Statewide Spay/Neuter Fund.

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#### EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

*Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.*



1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
2 MARYLAND, That:

3 (a) There is a Task Force on the Establishment of a Statewide Spay/Neuter  
4 Fund.

5 (b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

6 (1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the  
7 President of the Senate;

8 (2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker  
9 of the House;

10 (3) the Secretary of Agriculture, or the Secretary's designee; and

11 (4) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

12 (i) one representative of the Maryland Association of Counties;

13 (ii) one representative of the Humane Society of the United  
14 States;

15 (iii) one representative of the Maryland Veterinary Medical  
16 Association;

17 (iv) one representative of Maryland Votes for Animals;

18 (v) one representative of the Howard County Animal Advocates;

19 (vi) one representative of the Baltimore Animal Rescue and Care  
20 Shelter;

21 (vii) one representative of the Professional Animal Workers of  
22 Maryland, Inc.;

23 (viii) one representative of the Maryland SPCA; ~~and~~

24 (ix) one representative of the Pet Food Institute;

25 (x) one representative of the Pet Industry Joint Advisory  
26 Council; and

27 ~~(xi) one representative of the Maryland Dog Federation;~~

28 ~~(xii) one representative of the Friends of Prince George's County~~  
29 ~~Animals; and~~

1                   ~~(ix)~~ ~~(xiii)~~ (xi) two representatives of other private or public  
2 organizations with experience and interest in spay/neuter programs.

3           (c)     The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates  
4 jointly shall designate the chair of the Task Force.

5           (d)     The Department of ~~Legislative Services~~ ~~Agriculture~~ Legislative Services  
6 shall provide staff for the Task Force.

7           (e)     A member of the Task Force:

8                   (1)     may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

9                   (2)     is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard  
10 State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

11           (f)     The Task Force shall:

12                   (1)     collect and review data on the number of spay/neuter services  
13 performed each year in the State and the unmet need for the services;

14                   (2)     review ongoing successful local spay/neuter programs in the State;

15                   (3)     review spay/neuter programs in other states and identify best  
16 practices;

17                   (4)     review and make recommendations regarding the most appropriate  
18 funding mechanism for a spay/neuter fund; and

19                   (5)     make recommendations regarding the establishment of a  
20 spay/neuter fund that best meets the needs of the State.

21           (g)     On or before January 1, 2012, the Task Force shall report its findings and  
22 legislative recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the  
23 State Government Article, the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs  
24 Committee and the House ~~Health and Government Operations~~ Environmental  
25 Matters Committee.

26           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
27 July 1, 2011. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30,  
28 2012, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be  
29 abrogated and of no further force and effect.